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MAYOR NICKELS HONORS

Outstanding Middle School Students

27 RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Mayor Nickels gave \$500 scholarships to 27 middle-schoolers who are the unsung heroes of their communities. These 27 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders from 11 local middle schools have overcome obstacles

Bertha Landes room of Seattle City Hall.

"All these students are hard workers with a strong sense of direction," Nickels said. "This is a city with



or met challenges and given back to their communities. Each student also received a letterman's jacket to commemorate their achievement at a ceremony held on May 16th in the

a reputation for generosity and hard work, and I'm proud the next generation shares those values."

To apply, students wrote several es-

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2004 STUDENT SCHOOL YEAR AWARDEES

Last Name	First Name	Grade	School Name
Duncan	Chanel	6	African American Academy
Anderson	Andre Tremaine	7	African American Academy
Demps	Sonia	7	African American Academy
McGee	Montez Marquis	7	African American Academy
Wood	Jairus	8	Aki Kurose Middle School Academy
Mandaville	Marlys Lucille	6	Denny Middle School
Acosta-Ogata	Guishlena F.	8	Denny Middle School
Collyer	Leona (Chloe)	8	Denny Middle School
España	Alice	8	Denny Middle School
Jonlin	Alex	6	Eckstein Middle School
Budhiari	Nuzulita	8	Eckstein Middle School
Ly	Katherine	6	Hamilton International Middle School
Brown	Aviona	7	Hamilton International Middle School
Palmer	Indigo	8	Hamilton International Middle School
Maeda	Michael	7	Madison Middle School
Gonzalez	Leonardo	8	Madison Middle School
Mohamed	Zahra	8	Madison Middle School
Mohamed	Habiba	8	Madison Middle School
Horowitz	Svetlana	7	McClure Middle School
Orejudos	Mars De Los Santos	6	Meany Middle School
Shumake	Scott	6	Meany Middle School
Davis-Redditt	Michael Andrew	7	Meany Middle School
Gugsa	Helen	7	Pathfinder
Vellotti	Olivia	6	Salmon Bay School K-8
Lam	Nguyen	6	Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center
Markowitz	Joshua	6	Washington Middle School
Jornlin	Emma	8	Washington Middle School


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says about how they give back to their community and how they would use a \$500 cash award. That award can be used to further their education or contributed to a charity or cause of their choice. Recommendations from adults were also factors.

Through public recognition of their achievements, the Mayor's Scholars program hopes to bolster students' confidence, recognize their community involvement, and encourage parental involvement.

Three additional scholarships were also presented at the awards ceremony:

- Two students will receive scholarships of approximately \$2,300 for study at a four-year college or public community/technical college, awarded by the Genger and Barry Ackerley Foundation.
- A \$1,000 scholarship will go to a Native American student in honor of Leighton Hilbert. Hilbert carved the Chief Seattle/City seal that hangs in the Norman B. Rice Conference Room.

The awards are coordinated by the City's Office for Education, a division of the Department of Neighborhoods, and funded entirely through private donations to the nonprofit Alliance for Education, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information about the awards, call the City of Seattle Office for Education at (206) 233-5118. 

NEW NONPROFIT GLOBAL CITIZEN JOURNEY builds global neighborhoods

Nigerian Joel Bisina was just seven when he was sent to live with relatives in a city hours away. This painful separation from his family was the only way Bisina's parents could ensure their son got an education because their Niger Delta village had no school. Although this was decades ago, literacy today hovers around 40 percent and educational resources are still scarce. That's why Bisina's organization Niger Delta Professionals for Development (NIDPRODEV) is partnering with a new nonprofit started by Seattle resident Susan Partnow to build the first school library in the entire region.

Global Citizen Journey's mission is to build understanding through cross-cultural exchange and shared community service in regions of the world little known beyond their borders. "We think of it as building global neighborhoods," says Partnow. The organization brings together diverse groups of Americans and host-country participants to experience village life, complete a service project chosen by the local community, and share workshops on compassionate listening, conflict resolution, peacemaking and more. Each journey is designed in partnership with a host-country organization.

This November, Global Citizen Journey and NIDPRODEV will bring Pacific Northwest and Nigerian delegates to Oporoza, a Niger Delta village accessible only by boat. The library they build will provide vital learning resources for the village


children, as well as the surrounding community. Besides its educational challenges, this oil-rich region struggles with poverty, environmental damage and inter-tribal conflict. Bisina and NIDPRODEV have been active in mediation and peace-building there.

"Many Americans don't know that Nigeria is a significant source of oil and even fewer understand the devastating impact oil production has had on the Niger Delta," says Partnow. "An important part of Global Citizen Journey's work is to shed light on these kinds of situations around the world."



"We invite Seattle residents to get involved as delegates, volunteers, organizational sponsors or individual donors. And watch for our Oporoza library book list and donation

drop at the Phinney Neighborhood Center," says Partnow. "There are many ways to help, even if you don't go on a journey. Everyone who participates has the chance to learn about different cultures, establish bonds of friendship and peace, and be part of the Global Citizen community."

Global Citizen Journey organizers, including Joel Bisina, are hosting a series of events in Seattle. Dates, times and more information about the organization and the Nigeria trip can be found at www.globalcitizenjourney.org, or call Susan Partnow at 206.789.8697. 

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NSC IN NEW QUARTERS WITH LIBRARY

The new Ballard Neighborhood Service Center and the new Ballard Library will open under one roof on May 14 in a building designed uniquely for these two public functions. Not only is the building a unique architectural landmark, but it is a symbolic cornerstone helping to establish the Ballard Civic Center. This project creates a one-stop shopping opportunity for those using City and public library services. Free on-site parking at a close-in location in the heart of downtown Ballard will create lots of interest.

FRIENDS OF YOUTH ACQUIRES BALLARD BEN & JERRY'S

Downtown Ballard's popular Ben & Jerry's store was recently acquired by Friends of Youth, a non-profit youth organization. The Ballard Ben & Jerry's will provide an employment training opportunity for clientele of this organization. This is Friends of Youth's second venture into a franchise business in Seattle. Last year, it acquired a Tully's location in Queen Anne. Friends of Youth is very anxious to become a solid member of the downtown Ballard business community, and also hopes to become an active force in civic affairs in the Ballard area.

FRIENDS OF BERGEN PLACE FORMS TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE PARK

Following the Pro Parks Levy funded renovation of Bergen Place Park, located in the heart of downtown Ballard, a group of interested persons came together to create the Friends of Bergen Place Park. This organization, concerned with preserving Ballard's cultural heritage, has taken on several projects to enhance the park's visual impact, as well as its functionality. Working with the Nordic Heritage Museum, the organization has tapped several resources to install five granite surfaces which are suitable for seating and will be inscribed with images depicting the five Scandinavian countries. In addition to help from the Neighborhood District Coordinator, the Department of Neighborhoods has contributed nearly \$8,000 to this effort helping to cover the cost of imported granite and cladding the five cedar posts which support the public art in order to prevent unlawful posting of material.

CENTRAL

JUDKINS PARK APARTMENTS GRAND OPENING

About 50 people attended the April 7, 2005 grand opening of the new apartments at 23rd Ave S and S Judkins St. The Judkins Park Community Council was particularly pleased to support a project that served special needs populations. The Housing Resources Group presented awards to key players that contributed to the project. Mayor Greg Nickels offered a warmly received keynote speech.

DELRIDGE

PARTNERSHIP GROUP FORMED TO ADDRESS ABANDONED SHOPPING CART ISSUE

Illegal dumping of shopping carts has become a serious and growing prob-

SCHMITZ PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL playground improvement project

Creativity and persistence of West Seattle volunteers have resulted in completion of the first phase of playground improvements at Schmitz Park Elementary School. When leadership changes, project design and the work program required volunteers to regroup, new ideas took hold and new resources materialized to keep the project moving forward.

The hard work and new designs





merged into “bricks and mortar” on two Saturdays in April when volunteers constructed new planter boxes and entry columns between the playground and parking area. Other improvements include planting of new trees and shrubs and installation of new playground equipment. Art tiles will be added to the planter boxes and entry columns in the next phase of the project.

Project Chair Terri Goodwin’s leadership, vision and flexibility have added a new dimension to community building in West Seattle. “It has been a gratifying experience to see the improvements take form and we look forward to the next phase which we hope includes a grass field.” 🌐

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lem in the Highland Park and Westwood (South Delridge) neighborhoods. They often become road hazards, attract litter, and pose a health hazard when transients use them for storing garbage. These abandoned shopping carts are everywhere, but no one seems able to do anything about them. However, a partnership among the community, businesses, City of Seattle, King County, and the State of Washington, has been formed to find solutions. They have come up with one plan called the Shopping Cart Reclamation Action Partnership Project (SCRAP) to have the carts recovered and returned to their original commercial owners. The plan would include a community outreach and education component and construction of “cart corrals” (those metal stalls you see in large grocery store parking lots) located in areas where carts are often abandoned. Residents and youth would be recruited to collect the carts and place them in the corral, and Department of Corrections adult crews would return them to the appropriate store. Unlike many punitive attempts to address this problem, SCRAP believes this approach does not put the blame on the businesses or shopping cart user and will garner community-wide support. SCRAP has applied to the Washington Insurance Council Strong Neighborhood Action Program and the Neighborhood Matching Fund and hopes to begin a demonstration project later this year.

LATINO COMMUNITY EDUCATION SUMMIT

The Chief Sealth High School front parking lot was filled at the first Latino Community Education Summit, sponsored by Campana Quetzal, an organization of many Latino educators, parents, and students from the Seattle Public Schools. The summit was organized to provide an opportunity for community, parents, and students to come together to discuss the state of Latino education in the Seattle Public Schools and to put together an action plan. Statistics indicate a disproportionate number of Latinos drop out of school, are twice as likely to be disciplined, and have lower grade-point averages than their White and Asian student counterparts. According to Yvonne Sanchez, director of the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, Latinos are the fastest growing population of any ethnic group in the State of Washington and in the Seattle Public School system. It was suggested that more Latino and Spanish-speaking teachers be recruited to serve schools with at least 22 percent Latino students. The event also included informational tables, workshops, a performance by the Chief Sealth Mariachi Band, and speakers including Mayor Greg Nickels, State Representative Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney, Roberto Maestas of El Centro de la Raza, and Mexican Consul General Jorge Madrazo. Organizers hope to make the summit an annual event.

PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY OF BUSINESSES COMPLETED

The White Center Community Development Association, Weed and Seed, Seattle Neighborhood Group, and King County staff, as well as community volunteers, conducted a business survey on public safety. The number of businesses participating increased to 98 from last year’s 76. Businesses in general expressed a slight improvement in the safety of White Center compared to a year ago. Just over half of all businesses said that they

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reported crimes to 911. Almost two thirds felt that they could work with neighbors and the police to solve problems. Ninety percent of business owners/employees were interested in getting to know each other better. Homeless transients and drug dealing remained the two most important safety issues. More police presence replaced better lighting and more businesses reporting crime as the best way to make White Center safe. A greater total number of businesses reported being interested in monthly safety meetings. However, as a percentage the amount decreased.

EAST

HILLTOP HOUSE YESLER TERRACE INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

Last summer, the senior community at Hilltop House, located at 1005 Terrace St on First Hill, had a challenging experience with all the firecrackers and noise until late at night allegedly from their neighbors, the Yesler Terrace community.

Hilltop residents requested the intervention of the Yesler Terrace Community Council, Seattle Police Department, Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) to discuss ways to address the problem at a meeting earlier this year. The Yesler Terrace Community Council and SHA recognized the need to curtail use of firecrackers and offered to help.

At a meeting this month, the senior community and Yesler Terrace neighborhood agreed to organize an intergenerational event that will link both communities in an afternoon of celebration by providing food, live music, and youth and senior games. Residents of the Hilltop community will be applying to the Department of Neighborhoods Small Sparks fund to help with the one-day event to be held over the 4th of July weekend.

A SECOND FARMERS MARKET FOR CAPITOL HILL

The new "Broadway Sunday Farmers Market" will be opening its stalls on Monday, May 16 at the parking lot behind the Bank of America on the corner of Broadway and E Thomas.

This market will operate every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is a member of the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance. Approximately 40 Washington farmers will be at the market every week, which will include food sampling and music. The organization is non-profit and accepts UDA Food Stamps.

With the opening of the "Broadway Sunday Farmers Market" the Capitol Hill neighborhood will host two farmers markets. The Saturday Farmers Market operates at 10th Ave between Pike and Pine St from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Both markets will operate into the fall.

NOISE AND NIGHTTIME CONSTRUCTION ON SOUTHBOUND I-5 WILL IMPACT NEIGHBORS

Responding to requests from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), NSC Coordinators from Downtown and the East District provided neighborhood information to WSDOT so that outreach in these neighborhoods could be done on upcoming construction on the

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Mayor VISITS LAKE CITY

Lake City received Mayor Nickels with great fanfare on his monthly neighborhood tour. The Mayor thanked clean-up volunteers, visited with over a dozen businesses along Lake City Way, and received a grand reception at the North Seattle Family Center. At the Family Center, the



Business owners often let the Mayor know how the City is responding to economic concerns.



Residents of Lake City discuss crime issues with the Mayor.



Mayor Nickels discusses education issues with members of the North Seattle Family Center.

Mayor visited computer and ESL classes, as well as a children's playroom. The Center was a veritable United Nations during the reception, an excellent reflection of the people that the Center serves. The Mayor also visited the Seattle Housing Authority's property next to the Lake City House, where community leaders would like to see a new park developed. 🌐

Mayor's WALKING TOUR OF 12TH AVENUE

The tour started at the Rocket Café, where participants representing the 12th Avenue Planning Group, Squire Park Community Council, Seattle University, Seattle Housing Authority, and Ethiopian Businesses enjoyed coffee and pastries. Participants offered input on what they envision for the King County Youth Center, two City-owned properties along 12th Ave, and Seattle University property. The Mayor also dropped in to chat with several Ethiopian business owners, who were appreciative to ask the Mayor questions and tell him their views of how things were going in the city. 🌐

southbound lanes of Interstate 5.

Construction will be noisy, and will take place at nighttime and during weekends. The project has been scheduled to start on March 23, 2005 and last approximately until the end of May 2005. Due to the level of noise expected and the magnitude of the construction, most apartment building residents from Olive Way to James St, including those along the I-5 Union Street exit, will receive notification.

GREATER DUWAMISH

MARRA FARM SEEKS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Marra Farm has submitted an application requesting \$341,000 from the Pro-Parks Opportunity Fund and has asked the South Park community for support. Even though there has been a tremendous amount of ongoing support, they want to ensure that the City is aware of the community benefits the funding would create. Plans are to create an outdoor learning facility, natural play areas, bilingual signage, community farming resources, and a composting toilet.

CLEVELAND HIGH/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLANNING

Cleveland alumni, Beacon Hill Pedestrian Task Force, and community members participated in a meeting at Cleveland High School to get updates and to give feedback on the School District's renovation project. The school is scheduled to be closed at the end of this school year and reopen in the fall of 2007. Comments ranged from concerns over the removal of the marquee and fountain, which were gifts given by alumni groups, to suggestions of a Veterans memorial and art projects by the students on the old gymnasium wall. Others also encouraged them to address pedestrian safety and traffic calming along 15th Ave S. The architects and school representatives will take the suggestions and feedback and see if they can possibly incorporate them into the project. They are tentatively looking at another community meeting in June when the school will also be holding an alumni event prior to the school closing.

LAKE UNION

SOUTH WALLINGFORD COMPLETES CORRIDOR STUDY

South Wallingford is in the final stages of completing the South Wallingford Corridor Plan, a Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund project that will recommend much-needed pedestrian and transportation improvements to Northlake Way, N 34th St, N Pacific St, and the Burke Gilman Trail. The committee, made up of residents, business owners, and property owners, has spent many months working with Cascade Design Collaborative to develop a proposal which will be presented to the public on May 2. This collaborative effort has helped unite the business community and residents around a common vision

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DIARIES OF LAKE UNION

Sealth High School students have started working with the Lake Union Neighborhood District Coordinator to plan for "The Diaries of Lake Union", a 60-minute living history video documentary created by the students in partnership with History House and the Lake Union neighborhoods. The Diaries Project will capture the stories and recollections of Lake Union's citizens in an intergenerational documentary project that will take the course of a year to complete. The Sealth students have already completed a number of award-winning documentaries for other Seattle Neighborhoods such as West Seattle, Delridge, and White Center.

MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE

PARK TO BE NAMED FOR MAGNOLIA ACTIVIST

The Parks Department announced that Upper Smith Cove Park will be named for Ursula Judkins. The longtime Magnolia activist, who died in 2000, was instrumental in the City's acquisition of the parkland from the U.S. Navy. She had also been active in a variety of community and parks issues over many years and was well loved and much respected in Magnolia and throughout the City.

LOW-INCOME AND SENIOR RESIDENTS JOIN DISTRICT COUNCIL

In its ongoing effort to broaden and diversify its membership, the Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council welcomed representatives of Resident Councils from two Seattle Housing Authority facilities, one for seniors and one for low-income persons. At the April meeting, the new members gave valuable input to SDOT transportation planners on senior concerns about reconfiguring Mercer St.

GROUPS WIN MATCHING FUND AWARDS

Two Queen Anne Organizations recently were awarded Neighborhood Matching Fund awards. The Friends of Old Hay School was awarded \$7,210 to build a student-designed bird and butterfly habitat garden on the school grounds. Old Hay houses the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center. A neighborhood association in Northeast Queen Anne will build a curb bulb and landscaping at the notorious 7-way intersection near the Aurora Bridge off-ramp.

NORTH

LAKE CITY TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS

Lake City businesses are concerned about homeless people who stay on the grounds of the Seattle Mennonite Church, near the main intersection of Lake City Way and NE 125th St. Their concerns include physical safety, hygiene, and the lack of services and programs for those who are men-

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Clean & Green BEACON HILL A HUGE SUCCESS

More than seventy participants joined Mayor Nickels for the Beacon Hill Clean and Green Seattle. The key organizer, Betty Jean Williamson, was instrumental in recruiting a number of Beacon Hill residents, organizations, and businesses to partner up with Asa Mercer Middle School students, staff, and PTSA. In addition to several City of Seattle departments, the Department of Corrections, Seattle Works, and the King County Department of Adult Juvenile Detention also participated in the event. Mayor Nickels was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the two Matching Fund Project awards the school has received. One was a beautification project; the other was a Race and Social Justice project featuring an oral history and words of wisdom project. 🌍





Mayor Nickels joins Othello Park community in Clean & Green



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tally ill. The Neighborhood District Coordinator is working with the church, the Lake City Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Lake City Community Council on ways to address the problem. A community member who is involved has good connections with St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, which has an excellent program for people who are homeless.

NATURAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM COMING TO THE PINEHURST NEIGHBORHOOD

Seattle Public Utilities staff briefed the Thornton Creek Watershed Oversight Committee about the Pinehurst Green Grid project. This natural drainage project, intended to reduce flooding and improve water quality, is due to start construction in June, 2005.

NORTHGATE PARK, LIBRARY, AND COMMUNITY CENTER BREAK GROUND

Mayor Nickels led a groundbreaking ceremony for the Northgate library, community center, and park project. The project includes a 10,000-square-foot library, a 20,000-square-foot community center, and a 1.67-acre park at Fifth Ave NE and NE 105th St. The facilities are scheduled to open in the spring of 2006.

LAKE CITY CIVIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION SPEEDS AHEAD

The new park, library, and neighborhood service center are taking shape fast. The playground equipment has been installed, and interior work on the expanded library has begun. Substantial completion is expected in early June, with occupancy in late summer or early fall.

NORTHEAST

CHAMBER'S NEW HIRE HIRED AWAY

Rob Duff, who was hired last month by the Chamber of Commerce to paint out graffiti and recruit volunteers for various projects in the U District, has succeeded in securing full-time employment. This is great news for Rob and bittersweet for the Chamber. Rob, a very ambitious and enthusiastic young man, has been hired for a full-time job at Cleanscapes. Cleanscapes has the contract to clean the Ave daily. It was through an introduction by Teresa Lord Hugel, Chamber Executive Director, that Rob met Chris Martin, Director of Cleanscapes. Mr. Duff, a formerly homeless young man, has used most of the services in the University District, but now reports that he is living in an apartment, has a full-time job, and is willing to stay involved in projects in the U District, particularly those working with homeless youth.

WELCOME BACK, SADAKO

The statue of Sadako Sasaki, the young girl who died as a result of radiation exposure during the bombing of Hiroshima, has returned to the Peace Park in the U District. Last year, the statue was vandalized and taken down for repair. Following the removal of Sadako from the park, there were several months' worth of discussion and debate about where Sadako should be sited after she was repaired. In the end, the Parks

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Board and staff agreed that Sadako should remain in the Peace Park where she initially was intended to stand. Since she has been back, she has been adorned in hundreds and hundreds of chains of cranes. It is a quiet, colorful reminder of peace.

NORTHWEST

HALLER LAKE ADDRESSES BALL FIELD LIGHTING

In a recent letter to the Department of Planning and Development, the Haller Lake Community Club outlined a series of conditions that it would like DPD staff to consider prior to agreeing to the requested Special Exception for installing lighting at the Ingraham High School Field. The community has requested that the City provide assurances that the School District will comply with all pertinent City ordinances related to noise, excessive light, and glare on neighboring properties, and adherence to restricted hours of use. The community club wishes to ensure minimal negative impacts on the surrounding single-family residences related to this non-residential use.

GREEN LAKE QUALITY

The Friends of Green Lake have been meeting monthly to come up with ways to assure improved water quality of the lake after the current alum treatment loses its effectiveness. Most recently they have met with Jonathan Frodge from King County's Lakes program to learn more about existing bacterial levels in the lake. They have also been working with Tricia Shoblom, from the Washington State Department of Ecology, in order to develop a long-range and sustainable management plan to reduce pollutant levels in the lake.

SOUTHEAST

OTHELLO PARK NEIGHBORS ADDRESSING SAFETY ISSUES

Friends of Othello Park, the Seattle Police Department, and the Department of Neighborhoods met with Othello Park neighbors to discuss public safety. The community is organizing around the recent shooting death in the park that claimed the life of a 24-year old. Over 50 residents were in attendance. Following initial introductions and statements, the group divided into four subgroups for a brainstorming session on public safety improvements to the park.

Community feedback had two clear priorities: additional policing and the rejuvenation of a park Block Watch (and other community events). Following closely in support were additional lighting in the park and the installation of video cameras.

Three work groups were established at the meeting: Community Activities, Park Usage, and a Block Watch organizing group. The community workgroups will convene again on Monday, May 16 to help refine community suggestions and to work collaboratively with relevant City departments on their implementation.

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ART ON THE AVE

Ever since the "Ave Project" officially ended, passersby have been asking, "What's going in those frames?" They were referring to the green metal frames with "The Ave" painted across the top. The frames are attached to the pedestrian lightpoles that now light up the street.

Before the winter quarter started, Teresa Lord Hugel, Chamber director, had been talking with John Young, Professor of Public Art and Sculpture at the University of Washington. "What about a Design-Build project to bring some banners to the Ave?" Teresa asked. Professor Young agreed that this seemed like a good project and the Ave Banner Project took off.

Merchants on the Ave paid \$300.00 to cover the materials, an advisory committee was formed, and the students started meeting with the merchants and began drawing. Within the course of the quarter, they met with the merchants to get ideas and establish parameters; they developed several designs, made prototypes, and produced final "banner sculptures" and installed them.

The pieces range from large outlines of yellow peppers to a woolly mammoth circling the earth to a miniature model of a Greek-like city – all white and simple, which turns out to be the UW campus. The works have generated conversation, questions, "looks" and audible exclamations on the street. The students completed about a year's worth of work in 10 weeks, but the end product is great street art. 🌐



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COLUMBIA CITY BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO GROW

Southeast Seattle's Historic Landmark District, Columbia City, welcomes three new food-and-beverage businesses: Geraldine's Counter (4870 Rainier Ave S), a family friendly restaurant "with a retro-dinerish feel"; The Columbia City Bakery (4865 Rainier Ave S), creating and selling artisan breads, pastries, and rustic sandwiches; and Lottie's Coffee and Cocktail Lounge (4900 Rainier Ave S) – coffee bar by day, cocktail lounge at night. Also, the Columbia City Farmers Market, held Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m., resumes May 11.

SOUTHWEST

WATER TAXI RETURNS

The Water Taxi will launch its eighth sailing season on May 1 on the Argosy boat aptly named the Sightseer—shuttling passengers along the picturesque route between Seacrest Dock in West Seattle and Pier 55 on the downtown Seattle waterfront. A new feature this year is addition of a shuttle service to serve the Admiral neighborhood, in addition to shuttle service that serves the West Seattle Junction. The Water Taxi will sail through September 30, 2005.

ANNUAL ALKI COMMUNITY FAIR

The Alki Community Council held its annual Community Fair on April 21 in the cafeteria of Alki Elementary School. A crowd of over 100 fairgoers were treated to free goodies from Duke's Chowderhouse and the Alki Bakery. A host of organizations, including the Southwest Seattle Historical Society, Megawatt, Three Projects/One Community, Southwest Police Precinct, Northwest Program for the Arts, and a representative from Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen's office were on hand. Don Allen, former Southwest District Crew Chief from the Parks Department who recently transferred to the north district, was given special recognition by the Alki Community Council for his outstanding work in the community.

ALKI PARKING CONCERNS CONTINUE

A proposal to implement a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) in the Alki neighborhood continues to raise concerns with the business community there. Members of the Alki Community Council initiated the RPZ process with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) about two years ago and based on an SDOT analysis, the Alki neighborhood meets the qualifications for an RPZ. Businesses, on the other hand, feel that the RPZ process is too localized and should be broadened to consider its impacts to the broader community, as well as to include participation from other City departments such as the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Office of Economic Development. The West Seattle Chamber of Commerce is working with Alki businesses to compile a list of concerns, along with recommendations, that they would like to see factored into the decision-making process. One recommendation is to restore parking on the west side of Alki Avenue, between the 1100 and 1700 blocks. Several business owners have joined the Alki Community Council's Transportation and Circulation Committee to insure that the business perspective is factored into the RPZ equation.

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IN THE MEANTIME The Community Calendar will continue to keep you informed of events going on in Seattle. Feel free to submit events or stories to Peter McGraw, Public Information Officer, Department of Neighborhoods. Have a great summer!



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